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RE: TSR Prerecorded Call Prohibition and Call Abandonment Standard Modification –
Project No. R411001

To the Commission:

I am writing to assert that I object to all telemarketing calls made to my home. This includes unwanted telemarketing calls, unsolicited telemarketing calls, and plain vanilla telemarketing calls. I specifically placed my home phone number on the Do-Not-Call list to prevent any such calls. **I have an expectation the FTC will uphold its commitment to tens of millions of US household that voiced their preference via the DO-NOT-CALL list.**

I now understand that telemarketeers have come up with a technological innovation called *recorded sales messages*. And they insist that this innovation should exempt them from having to follow the FTC's restrictions on *live telephone sales calls*. To me it looks like this telemarketing Industry is making fools of the FTC. And the FTC is abetting in this circus by even considering the telemarketeers appeal for a revision to these rules.

I specifically object to recorded sales messages. Just the presumption that I would enjoy receiving such a call is insulting to me. I find these calls even more invasive of my privacy than calls that come from a live caller. I don't wish to be addressed by a machine directing TSRs, to be disturbed by a machine nor monitored by a machine. Moreover, when I hang up the phone when first hearing the message, the recording sometimes continues to tie up my phone line.

If a company calls me with a recorded message based on a claimed business relationship, I have no way of telling the company not to call me again. I believe the FTC should outlaw all prerecorded messages unless I give my written consent for such calls. This includes recorded messages left on my answering machine.

I also object to calls I answer where the caller hangs up or leaves me on the line with dead air. Ideally, the FTC should adopt a standard of zero tolerance for abandoned calls. But at the most, the rate of abandoned calls should not exceed 3% per day.

Sincerely,

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